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SUBJECT: DATES FOR NATO DISARMAMENTS EXPERTS MEETING

REFS: (A) STATE 50653, (B) USNATO 2088 (NOTAL)

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1. FOLLOWING UP FEBRUARY 28 POLADS DISCUSSION, ITALIAN
POLAD CALLED ON US TO SAY ROME EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO
REVIEW SSOD AT NATO BEFORE PREPCOM V. ROME WANTS TO BE
HELPFUL AND BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT FOR OTHER ALLIES TO HAVE
UP-TO-DATE EXPLANATION OF US APPROACH BEFORE BARTON GROUP
MEETING. CONSULTATION AMONG NATO EXPERTS IN NEW YORK
MARCH 29, AS SUGGESTED BY FRG POLAD, WOULD NOT MEET ALLIED
NEEDS. ACCORDINGLY, ROME HOPES US COULD MAKE EXPERT
AVAILABLE AT NATO SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF MARCH 20 FOR
DISCUSSION OF SSOD. REGULAR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING
COULD THEN BE HELD IN LATE APRIL IF US SO DESIRES.

2. WE AGAIN REVIEWED RATIONALE FOR POSTPONEMENT (REF A)
BUT AGREED TO REPORT ITALIAN DEMARCHE.
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3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCEED
IN POSTPONING DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING BY HOLDING TO
POSITION IN REF A. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF ITALIAN INTEREST
IN CONSULTATION BEFORE PREPCOM, WHICH MAY BE SHARED BY
OTHERS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S REVIEWING
POSSIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL EXPERTS MEETING ON SSOD IN LATE

MARCH TO MEET ALLIED INTEREST. REQUEST ADDITIONAL
GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR MARCH 2 POLADS MEETING. GLITMAN

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